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In re Application of :
JALALI et al. :
U.S. Application No. 09/581,272 : DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/FR98/02636 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Int. Filing Date: 07 December 1998 :
Priority Date: 08 December 1997 :
Atty. Docket No.: 136.147 :
For: METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE :
FAST FOURIER TRANSFORM AND :
THE INVERSE FAST FOURIER :
TRANSFORM :

This decision is in response to "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 16 September 2002 and "Letter" filed via facsimile on 17 October 2002. In a decision dated 25 June 2002, the "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 23 April 2002 was dismissed without prejudice because: applicant did not provide adequate proof that the missing inventor, Al Jalali, refused to execute the application or could not be reached after diligent effort.

The petition for status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot since the declaration filed 17 October 2002 with the present renewed petition was executed by the named inventor, the previous non-signing inventor, Ali Jalali. The declaration filed 17 October 2002 is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497.

For the reasons above, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED** as **MOOT**.

The application has an international filing date of 07 December 1998 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of 17 October 2002 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

The application is being returned to the International Division for processing as the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified international application.



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This decision is in response to "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 13 August 2001. In a decision dated 12 June 2001, the "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 16 February 2001 was dismissed because: (1) applicant did not provide adequate proof that the missing inventor, Al Jalali, refused to execute the application or could not be reached after diligent effort and (2) applicant did not provide the missing inventor's last known address.

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), (2) factual proof that the missing joint inventor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and behalf of the non-signing joint inventor. Items (1) and (4) have been satisfied.

As to item (2), Section 409.03(d) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) states, in part:

Where a refusal of the inventor to sign the application papers is alleged, the circumstances of its refusal must be specified in an affidavit or declaration by the person to whom the refusal was made. Statements by a party not present when an oral refusal is made will not be accepted.

Before a refusal can be alleged, it must be demonstrated that a *bona fide* attempt was made to present a copy of the application papers (specification, including claims, drawings, and oath or declaration) to the nonsigning inventor for signature. A copy of the application paper should be sent to the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, or, if the nonsigning inventor is represented by counsel, to the address of the nonsigning inventor's attorney.

When there is an express oral refusal, that fact along with the time and place of the refusal must be stated in the affidavit or declaration. When there is an express written refusal, a copy of the document evidencing that refusal must be made part of the affidavit or declaration.

When it is concluded by the 37 CFR 1.47 applicant that a nonsigning inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which the conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence should be submitted. Whenever a nonsigning inventor gives a reason for refusing to sign the application oath or declaration, that reason should be stated in the affidavit or declaration.

A review of the present petition and the accompanying papers reveal that applicant has not satisfied the item (2) above. Petitioner states that "that two letters dated September 28, 2000 and February 1, 2001 enclosing a Declaration in each, and a letter dated June 26, 2001 . . . were sent to Mr. Jalali by registered mail and Mr. Jalali has not responded to any of the three letters." However, as stated in previous decision, it does not appear that the petitioner has first hand knowledge of all the facts. In order to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and Section 409.03(d) of the MPEP, a statement of facts is needed from a person (i.e. Mr. Christian Hamon) having first hand knowledge of the facts that a complete copy of the application papers was sent to Mr. Jalali and when such papers were sent and that Mr. Jalali has subsequently refused to execute the application.

Concerning Item (3), a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor has been submitted.

For the reasons stated above, it would not be appropriate to accept the application without the signature of Mr. Al Jalali under 37 CFR 1.47(a) at this time.

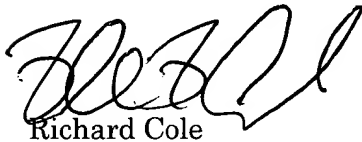
CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTH** from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)." No

additional petition fee is required.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention to the PCT Legal Office.



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